

Regular Meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee

Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 6:00 PM

Jenks/JMW Complex for the Performing and Visual Arts Media Center

350 Division Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Minutes

I Meeting will come to order

The Chairman, Mr. Tenreiro called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

a. Roll call

Mr. Araujo-here; Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Mr. Noonan-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Spooner-here; Mr. Tenreiro-here

Also in attendance were Mrs. Deborah Cylke, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Kimberly Mercer, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Mr. Thomas Conlon, Business Administrator; Mr. Edward Frenette, Senior Vice President, Principal-in-Charge, Symmes, Maini and McKee Associates (SMMA) and Mr. Stephen Robinson, Legal Counsel for the School Committee and Mr. Samuel Zurier, Co-Counsel on the Adequacy Lawsuit.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II Celebration/Recognition

The Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke recognized the Chairman, Mr. Tenreiro, for successful completion of the State of Rhode Island, Board of Regents, and Rhode Island Association of School Committee's Leadership Development Academy Program.

III Student Representatives

a. Charles E. Shea

None

b. William E. Tolman

Jason M.: The juniors took the NECAP writing last week. The reading tests will be administered tomorrow and Thursday. The Math NECAP test will be administered on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The junior and sophomore will be taking the PSATS will be held next Wednesday and this is the first time they will be offered at no charge. The fall sports teams are doing very well. The girls' volleyball and tennis teams are positioning themselves to the playoffs. Many of our sports have been heading up to Division I which is great competition and shows how our athletes excel in sports.

Sierra F.: The credit recovery program began last week. Students need to stay on track to move towards graduation. Students are able to earn credits in all four classes after school from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The program is offered at Tolman High school and is currently offered to seniors as well as sophomores that are behind in math and English.

The NECAP science scores were completed last week and Tolman showed an increase of 100% from the 2010 scores.

Freshmen Representative: The freshmen academy is the new program at Tolman and it is supposed to be 10 times better than last school year. The freshmen academy has a motto called the three R's. They are respect, responsibility and results. Respect is respect anything that consists in the school. Responsibility is do your homework. If you are a freshmen, don't procrastinate. If you have a

week to do a project, I have to do it right away, I can't wait until it's due. Result is cause and effect. Do something and expect to get something in return.

On October 4th we had a spaghetti dinner, it was awesome. We had a raffle and the parents filled out a survey and if they filled out the survey they got a ticket. The tickets were pulled from a basket and prizes were given away such as gift baskets filled with items from Dunkin Donuts including gift cards.

We also had open house that day in which we had five minutes between each class and the teachers would help the parents with MMS with the schedules, attendance and everything else that's available to them including our grades.

Donna: What Tolman has done for us as freshmen is they have put all the freshmen in one wing of the school and we are able to get to our classes faster and we are able to be with the sophomores instead of the seniors and juniors. We have three teams; the Bengals, Siberians and the Sabers. Each team is based on different levels. They have guidance counselors there if we need that extra help or extra attention, we have it. The freshmen academy has helped us in different ways. The academies help in a lot of different ways. I'm told it's better than last year.

Jacqueline M. Walsh

Cassandra: JMW was awarded the bronze metal and name the best recognized high school in the USA News in the October report. Out of 21,776 schools, JMW received a bronze medal and came in as one of the top 15 nationally recognized high schools. We are also listed

as one of the top 20 high schools in GoLocalProv. B101 and Fox Providence sponsored an event in which the JMW Chorus performed with the Grammy winning group Foreigner to a sold out crowd on Friday September 28th at Twin River. They also performed on the Rhode Show.

Our annual cabaret will be held on November 7th, 8th and 9th. We will be raffling off an Apple Ipad.

We will also be accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Applications can be obtained online or picked up at the main office.

On October 24th, noted screen writer, Peter Sklar, from New York will be hosting an event for students and parents called "Earning a Living in the Arts and everything you need to know in 90 minutes."

IV Public Participation

None

V Executive Session

The Chairman commented that the Committee would possibly recess to executive session in accordance with provision under the RI General Laws, Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5 (a) (2) legal advice and litigation/collective bargaining for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon:

1 Negotiations Local 1352

2 Negotiations Pawtucket Teachers Alliance

3 Seal Executive Session Minutes

Ms. Bonollo moved to recess to executive session. Mr. Spooner seconded.

Roll call

**Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes;
Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Mr. Tenreiro-yes**

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee recessed to executive session at 6:18 PM to 6:58 PM.

VI Reconvene to open session

The Chairman reconvened to open session at 7:04 PM.

a. Roll call

**Mr. Araujo-here; Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Mr.
Noonan-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Spooner-here; Mr.
Tenreiro-here**

VII Report out vote(s) of 10/09/12 executive session, if applicable

**The Chairman asked the Clerk if there were any votes to report out of
executive session.**

**The Clerk reported that the Committee voted unanimously to seal the
executive session minutes and to adjourn the executive session.**

VIII Acceptance of previous meeting minutes: 9/12/12

**Mr. Spooner moved to accept and approve the previous meeting's
minutes of 9/12/12. Ms. Nordquist seconded.**

Voice vote carried all in favor.

**The Chairman asked the Committee if anyone objected to moving XI
New Business Item d. Approval to proceed with Intent to Appeal
Adequacy Lawsuit up on the agenda. No one objected.**

**Mr. Robinson: This preserves your right to appeal. Woonsocket has
approved their right to appeal. Historically and I do encourage an
appeal, this case helps poorer communities. It raises awareness to
the consciousness of students in poorer communities. This is about**

the unfairness and inadequacies that have been going on in Pawtucket. The judge has been saying I don't want to get involved with this on the prior decision. We respectfully disagree with the judge. It's a modest cost for an appeal to proceed and potential positive results. If we were receiving the state average, Pawtucket would be in a positive place.

Mr. Samuel Zurier (Co-Counsel on this case): This process started in 2010. The cost of the case could vary.

All of this material will be submitted to the Supreme Court to consider an appeal. If we didn't have the benefit of a trial, the Supreme Court would have the largest possible record on which to review this case. The basis of the premise of the case was even if 15 years ago the state could do its job just by giving money to school districts even if that amount of money wasn't enough. But now with all the regulations the state is put in a situation where it declares schools to be failures. It cripples school districts and puts districts at risks to not be able to give diplomas to students to graduate high school with good grades.

Woonsocket wanted to put in more of their own money and the General Assembly wouldn't let them do that. It would have been nice if the Superior Court had permitted the case to go to trial. The judge took the easy way out and let the Supreme Court handle these cases.

We estimated a cost of \$5.00 per child per year. The cost is \$9.00 per student over 2.5 years. The estimated cost to continue with the appeal is approximately \$5.00 per student or \$30,000 for Woonsocket

and \$45,000 for Pawtucket.

Mr. Spooner: What do you think the cost will be to continue?

Mr. Zurier: The Supreme Court will decide whether the case is over. If there is a trial, the case will continue and it will create momentum in the General Assembly. Moving the case to trial would increase the cost beyond the \$45,000.

Mr. Robinson: There are two counts in this case; it's not adequate and violates the rights of children. The second count is there is a seven year delay I'm putting the formula in. They're telling you, you have to wait seven years. We're attacking that as well.

Mr. Spooner: The premise has been, we've been through this twice and the powers that be on Smith Hill win every time. Didn't they state the same thing both times on why it was dismissed? And if I read the decision correctly both times, they came back with the same thing.

Mr. Zurier: The Supreme Court in 1995 said we've looked at this, we realize the students have a right to an education and we realize that the general assembly has a duty to promote public schools. What's in front of us is the general assembly has met its duty and what we refuse to do is speculate as to what it is they will refuse to do and end up on the wrong side. When it went to the Superior court, the state got a little greedy. She said this time the General Assembly does not have a duty to promote public schools. But instead it said it has a power to promote public schools. You have to have a trial to determine where things are and whether it's your duty.

That will provide a forum to get some of these issues heard.

Mr. Robinson: In Rhode Island, there are no rights for a child to

receive an education. I thought it was irreprehensible that Governor Chafee would endorse that, that the Attorney General would endorse that. We are the only state in the union where the courts do not recognize the students' right to an education.

Mr. Spooner: I've lived here all my life. The reality of the situation is I applaud Debbie. We have 700 teachers in this system and they come here to teach and there is less and less of that going on. We're sitting in a deficit situation and I don't know if we can win.

Mr. Robinson: We're asking to let us hear our case; give us a chance to hear our case. We're asking them to give us a trial. Give us a chance to prove our case.

Mr. Zurier: There are numbers of committees we would love to see this move forward. We spoke to a Mayor who said if you drop the claim for adequacy and limit it to just the funding formula, more of us suburban communities would jump in. You're not hearing us say it's an easy case to win.

Mrs. Cylke: I wanted to address a comment Ray made. What has changed since 1995 is in the west it was Williams vs. State of California. It was a class action lawsuit in which the state's poorest children were being denied equal access to qualified teachers, adequate materials and equipment. The state's \$2,000 average is more than us. In Central Falls they are funded at \$22,000 per student.

Mr. Spooner: I'm not sure we can win this thing.

Mr. Robinson: We lost in the Supreme Court 17 years ago, but not withstanding Pawtucket received thousands of dollars because it raised awareness.

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve to proceed with the appeal of the Adequacy Lawsuit. Mr. Noonan seconded.

Mr. Noonan: I'm going to ask the Committee not to make the same mistake twice. Let Woonsocket move and if they win it good for them.

Mr. Spooner: I supported this hesitantly the last time. At this point I don't think it's a winner. Where's Providence and West Warwick? I think we've been the torch bearer. We've done our fair share. I just can't support this.

Ms. Nordquist: I see where Mr. Spooner is coming from. We're in a tough situation. We are in negotiations and the rewards could far outweigh the risks. The bottom line is we do need the money.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-no; Ms. Bonollo-no; Mr. Coughlin-no; Mr. Noonan-no; Ms. Nordquist-no; Mr. Spooner-no; Mr. Tenreiro-yes

Motion failed six opposed; one in favor.

IX Old Business

a. Approval of Lease Agreement—St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Mrs. Cylke: We had been negotiating a lease with St. Paul's Church when Ms. Bonollo had some questions about the cost per square foot and another location. Tonight we are back with those answers and the amount per square foot is definitely a bargain.

Ms. Parella: They (the health center) are keeping that building in addition to their new facility so it is not an option.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the lease agreement with St. Paul's Episcopal Church; FY13- \$11,000; FY14-\$16,000; FY15-20,000:

payments to be made from COZ grants. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

b. Approval of Chief Information and Innovation Officer Job Description

Mrs. Cylke: Tonight we have before you the job description exactly as presented. We need to get this person on board. It is heavy on the instructional side.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the chief information and innovation officer job description. **Mr. Araujo** seconded.

Mr. Noonan: Do we need legal to look at this?

Mrs. Cylke: No.

Mr. Coughlin: In reading the job description I noticed it is heavy on the instructional side. Is that by design?

Mrs. Cylke: Ernie and Paul are more on the technical side. Yes by design. There has been such a dramatic change in technical serving academic goals than network. We looked at four or five other job descriptions from other districts. The focus was on technology and instruction.

Mr. Coughlin: Mr. Conlon loaded the budget, who will be responsible for yours?

Mrs. Cylke: Business operations in place have to be updated.

Ms. Bonollo: Under qualifications, I noticed a lot being able to lift certain weight, we should put that in.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

X Informational Items

a. ESL AMAO Results

Mrs. Cylke: Three objectives must be met for the District's Annual Measurable Achievement Objective Status Report. The district met two of the three objectives—objectives one and two.

1. Annual increases in the number or percentage of students making progress.

There was a .5 increase from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012. District achievement was 62% out of 791 eligible. The district met this objective.

2. Annual increases in the number or percentage of students attaining English proficiency.

There was a score of 4.5 on a Tier B or Tier C assessment. District achievement was 35% out of 1059 eligible. The district met this objective.

3. Making adequate yearly progress for limited English proficient students*

This year percentages were used for targets and achievement. In previous years, the index proficiency score was used.

In reading grades three through five and nine through twelve, the district met this objective. In grades six through eight, the district did not meet this objective.

In math grades six through eight the district did meet this objective.

In grades three through five and grades nine through twelve the district did not.

The overall status for the AMAO 3 results is the district did not meet the objective.

b. Science Necap Results

Mrs. Cylke: Regularly when your regular education students improve, your ESL students improve. We have for you the NECAP Science Test results for grades 4, 8 and 11. The high schools showed the most growth. Progress in science at the state level is flat. Pawtucket is 20 points below the state average going into FY13. One reason is science supplies and materials. We're falling behind.

Mr. Tenreiro: We had a number of initiatives that were rolled out. Science was really flat, not to place blame. It's holding us accountable. Common core thankfully tries to bring those back. We need to take these back. We need to hear from the teachers; here's what we need to do to move forward.

Ms. Mercer: I met with Rhode Island College and Roger Williams Project Learning and they were talking about statewide and she is on the panel and willing to work with us to move forward. This was put on the back burner in 2004.

Mrs. Cylke: Science, especially with boys, has to be integrated. They like to get their hands dirty. Teachers solicited support, especially for science.

c. Enrollment Update and Impact on Budget

Ms. Mercer: The pages in front of you show enrollment numbers from last year and the last five weeks.

At the secondary level we have a total of 3,438 and that is down a total of 134 from last year.

The second page shows the elementary classes highlighted in yellow.

The maximum number per classroom in grades kindergarten through grade 3 is 23 and the maximum number of students in grades four

through grades twelve is 28. We have an agreement to max out the k-3 to 25 and pay overage. The tan indicates four classrooms. We were up 158 students and had to open up those additional classrooms. They predicted we could close schools. We had to open up four classrooms. We had to open up another kindergarten at Curtis. We had to open two fourth grades and one sixth grade.

There are no more classrooms in the City of Pawtucket. We've taken every music and art room. We are over enrolled for every pre-school.

Next year, you're going to have to open a fifth grade. We have 158 more students this year.

Mrs. Cylke: Dr. Schiller's report was right on. Transformation scares off families. It would be great to have four FTE's.

Mr. Coughlin: Are there two kindergarten teachers sharing a classroom?

Ms. Mercer: We bought a divider. It's a large classroom and they're okay about it. At Baldwin there's an ESL teacher in there and they teach together.

Mrs. Cylke: Last year the Special Education Director, Eileen Crudele, brought back a lot of kids and saved a lot of money for the district.

Mr. Araujo: Looking at the numbers, the younger grades have the higher numbers.

Ms. Mercer: The bubble is at the 5th grade when we started the all day kindergarten.

We have a little bit more room at the junior highs. But they don't have enough room to absorb the sixth grade.

Mr. Tenreiro: Are there kindergarten aides in any of these classrooms?

Ms. Mercer: No.

Mr. Tenreiro: What's your feeling on that?

Mrs. Cylke: 1. You could build new schools, but that's not going to happen; 2. You could add additions; 3. You could add mobile units; 4. You could go multi-track year round and we'd increase capacity, but need air conditioned buildings because we'd be opened all year long; 5. Our last choice is leasing space.

Ms. Bonollo: What if we took over the Curtis Library and made the library mobile?

Mrs. Cylke: This district offered all day kindergarten and you needed more classroom space. You have music and art teachers who are trying to move from class to class.

d. Monthly Report Sent to City

Mrs. Cylke: You have two monthly reports in your packet—this is for FY13 showing a balanced budget. The City is pretty static, the school is not. We had a significant number of retirees. They're signed by Tom, Joanna, me and the Mayor. We will include this item on the agenda every month.

e. Emergency Health & Safety School Infrastructure Bond Question

Mrs. Cylke: For the record, Superintendent, Cylke read aloud Section 14 as it would appear on the ballot on November 6, 2012:

"Shall an act passed at the 2012 session of the general assembly entitled 'An act authorizing the city of Pawtucket to provide for health, safety and fire code-related emergency repairs, renovations and

equipping of public school buildings in the city of Pawtucket and authorizing the financing thereof, including the issue of not more than \$5,000,000 bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness therefore, including but not limited to any bonds or notes issued pursuant to financing agreements with the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation, to fund the Capital Improvement Program for the two fiscal years 2013 and 2014' be approved?"

It's important to note that this is reimbursable up to 80 %.

We will be printing flyers that we will be distributing throughout the schools for the students to take home to their families.

Ms. Nordquist: Who's paying for this?

Mrs. Cylke: Donations. We cannot use taxpayer monies to send out flyers. Vote yes on #14.

Mr. Araujo: \$11.73M, it's not all of our health and safety needs will be met, but \$3.73M less and we need to get that message across to the folks of this city.

XI New Business – Action Items

a. Approval of Certified Appointments

Mrs. Cylke: Tonight we are seeking your approval on the following certified appointments:

Jodi Beth Mokillo, Preschool Teacher/Fallon; Step 8

Nicole Dupont, Kindergarten Teacher/Curtis; Step 1

Miriam Gamache, Kindergarten Teacher/Baldwin; Step 1

All three of the positions are new positions.

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve all three certified appointments as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Mr. Araujo

seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

b. Approval of Coaching Appointment

Mrs. Cylke once again asked for the committee's approval of the following coaching appointments:

Jonathan Leddy, Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach /Shea High School

Ronald Silva, Assistant Football Coach/Tolman High School

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve the coaching appointments as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

c. Approval of Non Certified Appointment

Mrs. Cylke once again asked for the committee's approval of the school data specialist appointment:

Stephanie Desmarais, School Data Specialist

This appointment is needed to fill a vacant position in the technology department that is necessary for state reporting.

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve the school data specialist appointment as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Mr. Noonan seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

e. Approval of SMMA Contract

Mrs. Cylke: We are asking that the committee approve the award of Architectural and Engineering Design services to SMMA as proposed in the attached contract.

I'd like to thank Ray Noonan for all of his work on the facilities

committee and his expertise.

Mr. Noonan: We got feedback from RIDE, legal counsel and our insurance carrier. SMMA answered our questions. I can honestly say Tom Conlon did a lot of work.

Mr. Noonan moved to approve the award of contract for architectural and engineering design services to SMMA as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Ms. Nordquist seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

f. Acceptance of RIPEC Shared Services Study

Mr. Tenreiro: We are only voting on the acceptance of the RIPEC study, we are not approving it.

Mrs. Cylke: An efficiency study was done by Dr. Schiller. The Mayor wants to enter into an agreement with the Chairman and I do not. What are your legal ramifications? What do you not want to give up? The Attorney, Stephanie Federico says you can consolidate. My recommendation would be to have legal counsel look at this and ask Dr. Schiller to look at this and give us their recommendation.

Mr. Tenreiro: We can put it on the November agenda and Dr. Schiller can have a conversation with John Simmons and both business managers.

Mr. Noonan: With respect to my personal opinion, I feel better having Dr. Schiller look at this.

g. Approval of Superintendent Evaluation Instrument

The Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke provided the committee members with an evaluation tool from the Narragansett School Department Superintendent, Kathy Sipala, also President of RISSA.

The tool features performance standards as jointly established by the National School Board Association and the American Association of School Administrators; annual performance goals and a 360 evaluation which seeks input from key community leaders and other administrators and it should be a growth tool. The Superintendent indicated that she had set her goals and twice a year would like to look at that. Mrs. Cylke suggested a three part evaluation that included one from the NSBA; one ASSA endorsement and one in Rhode Island.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Mr. Noonan seconded.

Ms. Nordquist: Is this common for someone who is being evaluated to submit this?

Mrs. Cylke: There isn't a tool, so I went to the Superintendent who was Superintendent of the year. This is common, we needed something to start.

Ms. Nordquist: I would rather talk with my colleagues. We haven't even had a chance to go forward with this.

Mr. Tenreiro: I asked the Superintendent to provide a sample for us when there hasn't even been an evaluation in Pawtucket since I've been here.

Ms. Nordquist: The process to bring a superintendent here was a very long one.

Mr. Coughlin: Wasn't there something in your contract that says you were supposed to produce this?

Mrs. Cylke: I haven't looked at it in years. It should be a part of your evaluation. In February we have to look at the year ahead. I didn't want to bring you something from another state.

Mr. Noonan: The process is the Superintendent proposes evaluation techniques and she proposes.

Mr. Tenreiro: I have no problem with that process. It isn't spelled out.

Ms. Nordquist: Is it proper to do this?

Mr. Tenreiro: We can do this in public.

Ms. Nordquist: Over the next month we can send our comments. Everyone needs to be here.

Mr. Tenreiro: I mean the modification of the tool.

Ms. Bonollo withdrew her motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument.

Mr. Spooner: I'd like to set something up.

Mrs. Cylke: I need your input. ASSA, they recommended a model document. What would you like me to bring?

Ms. Bonollo: I'd like them to send it electronically.

Mr. Tenreiro: We could have the first reading in November and the second reading in December.

Mr. Araujo: Budgetary meeting and RIPEC is a big thing too.

h. Approval of School Committee Policy Book Updates 1st Reading
Safe School Act Statewide Bullying Policy

The Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke, commented that bullying was a big issue and the state has required that all school committees have the same wording of this policy, especially if a student moves from

school district to school district. This is to ensure a consistent and unified statewide approach to the prohibition of bullying at school.

Dr. Ryan said that this had to be approved immediately.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve to adopt the Rhode Island Department of Education Safe School Act Statewide Bullying Policy as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

i. Approval of School Committee Member Handbook – Code of Conduct, Professional Practices, and Core Beliefs 1st Reading

The School Committee engaged in three work sessions with Skip Jenkins from the Center for Reform of School Systems, an organization that focuses on school committee governance. During these sessions, the Committee members were given sample works from other districts along with governance rationale in order to establish a set of core beliefs and commitments, a code of ethics and standards of professional practice. Time was also spent on developing a theory of action for district improvement. (This has not yet been finalized).

Mr. Tenreiro: Three draft policies are being recommended for approval:

- 1. Core Beliefs and Commitments**
- 2. Code of Ethics Draft**
- 3. Standards of Professional Practice Draft**

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the School Committee Member Handbook – Core Beliefs and Commitments; Code of Ethics and

Standards of Professional Practice. Ms. Nordquist seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: Under Code of Ethics, I would like to add “Statements shall not be made to the media regarding personnel or other matters protected by law.”

Standards of Professional Practice

Under Executive Session: attendance, confidentiality:

-Delete duplicated sentences—“A record of these votes in Executive Session will be kept by the clerk indicating when they have been announced and Votes will be announced in public session.”

- Change the word Committee President to “Chairman.”

-Under Concerns and Complaints: In the last sentence after the word Committee, add the word “Chairman.”

Roll call including the four amendments as recommended by Ms. Bonollo:

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-no; Mr. Noonan-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Mr. Tenreiro-yes

Motion passed six in favor; one opposed.

j. Approval of Cox Communication Telephone Contract

Mr. Conlon: The Cox telephone contract runs out on October 31, 2012. The master price agreement with the state has been renewed and Cox proposed to renew for the same price as three years ago at one year.

The City is not up for renewal yet, but will look into it when it is.

Mr. Noonan moved to approve the Cox Communication Telephone as recommended by Mr. Conlon. (State’s Master Price Agreement #308, change order #2.) Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

k. Request to Negotiate a Successor Contract with the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance

The current contract with the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance will expire on August 31, 2013. By contract, negotiations must begin at least 140 days prior to the expiration of the current contract.

The School Committee renegotiated the contract with the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance last year addressing only financial items to specially address the budget deficit. This was done with the Labor Subcommittee.

The City Council must now approve all negotiated agreements between the School Committee and all employee groups due to a change in the City Charter.

Mr. Tenreiro: We are recommending that the Committee notify the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance of its intent to negotiate a successor contract.

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve to send communication to negotiate a successor contract. Mr. Spooner seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

XII Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke thanked several employees including Lindsey R., Mike D, and Barbara S. for all of their hard work in preparing for the NECAP testing.

The Rhode Island Foundation is putting on an I Pledge video and encourages all employees to pledge education. Jody Olivo, one of our teachers at Nathanael Greene Elementary School made her

pledge and is in that video.

The Champlin Foundation made it through the second round. The monies will be used at Goff and Slater and for a pilot elementary band at Agnes Little.

We received word today that we will be receiving \$450,000 in grant monies through the Nellie Mae foundation for technology support for secondary students.

I met with Tony Pires and the Mayor in reaching out to other distressed cities. There's a \$152M surplus in the State of Rhode Island. We're showing Pawtucket was cut by \$5.6M by the state to balance their budget. We need a portion back. Tony said you won't get any back this year, but you'll raise attention.

I am demanding a meeting with the Governor, Mayors and Union Leaders.

The capacity study will soon get underway.

We really appreciate having the kids here, especially the freshmen.

Thank you.

XIII Special Reports of School Committee Members

Mr. Araujo: I want to encourage all the Pawtucket voters to vote yes on Question 14, so we can keep our students and employees safe. Thank you for coming out tonight.

Ms. Bonollo: Thank you for coming out. There will be a Wellness Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Administration Building at 6:00 PM and if anyone is interested, we would love to have you.

Mr. Coughlin: Good night.

Mr. Noonan: One of the benefits of being on the Facilities Committee

is I got to meet a guy called Ernie Morgan who I had never known before. Ernie suffered a very severe accident and I called him the day he was getting out of the hospital only three days later. The guy is amazing. I wish him the best and I think we should all wish him the best.

Ms. Nordquist: Good night. But I also wanted to share this. There was a student, a young girl who recently passed away and she had been a Pawtucket School student. I believe she was at one of our junior highs last year. I just wanted to mention it because when it comes to keeping social workers just keep in mind it comes to times like this that is why we really need them in our schools. Have a good night.

Mr. Spooner: Everybody have a good rest of the week.

Mr. Tenreiro: That's it.

XIV Adjournment

Mr. Spooner moved to adjourn. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

The Chairman adjourned the regular meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Approved 11/13/2012